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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director [redacted]
Intelligence Division

FROM : Legal Counsel [redacted]

DATE: 11/21/79

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BRIEFING REGARDING FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE
SURVEILLANCE ACT (FISA) OF 1978, HOUSE PERMANENT
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (HPSCI)

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PURPOSE: To advise you that Congressman McClosky has requested through a Staff Member, further information regarding captioned matter.

DETAILS: As you may recall, representatives of Intelligence Division, namely Mr. [redacted], Mr. Gore, and Mr. [redacted], afforded the HPSCI a briefing on 10/25/79, in connection with the Attorney General's Report on the implementation of the FISA which was submitted to Congress on 9/25/79.

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With regard to this briefing, Congressman Robert McClosky, Subcommittee on Legislation, has requested through Mr. [redacted], Staff Member, HPSCI, further clarification on issues discussed at the briefing. Mr. [redacted] was one of the Staff Members who attended the briefing.

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Specifically, Congressman McClosky would like to know whether foreign powers are doing anything that might adversely affect the ability of the FBI to implement electronic surveillance on them, i.e., by incorporating or hiring U. S. persons. The Congressman would also like to know what the FBI plans to do to counteract these actions and whether such actions on the part of foreign powers will force the FBI to have to devote more of its resources to offset these measures.

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Congressman McClosky is also interested in ascertaining what the reaction of FBI personnel is to the FISA. In this regard, Mr. [redacted] advised he would like to talk with field personnel who are responsible for operational aspects. SA

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[redacted] Legal Liaison/Congressional Affairs Unit, informed Mr. [redacted] that we are unaware of any negative reaction to the FISA and that, for the most part, most of the [redacted]

- 1 - Mr. Steel
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- 2 - Mr. Moschella
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administrative-management responsibility for implementation of the Act rests with FBI Headquarter's personnel. SA [redacted] suggested to Mr. [redacted] that a briefing by Headquarter's personnel regarding this latter issue would probably be more beneficial for his purposes. Mr. [redacted] was agreeable but wanted to reserve judgment on whether a briefing by field personnel would not be useful.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That Intelligence Division afford Mr. [redacted] a briefing within the parameters discussed above at the earliest possible convenience.

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2) That Mr. [redacted] be designated to conduct the briefing.

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3) That Legal Liaison/Congressional Affairs Unit coordinate this matter.

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